



The Friends of St Helen's Church

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Ring Out the News - The Friends of St. Helen's Autumn Newsletter 2018

As you are probably aware, the Plant Sale back in May was a huge success; raising more than £800 for the charity. However, this could not have been possible without the generosity of the community; sowing, growing, baking and making the effort to turn up on the day. We would also like to express thanks to members of the Village Hall team who helped with the set up; your help was invaluable, and we are indebted to you. Linda and Myles Pollock have generously continued to sell plants and produce on the table outside their house. Please do feel free to take a look at what's available, and also donate plants and produce if you can.

In June, Sir Peter Rigby and Marian Cartter kindly opened the Manor Gardens with the proceeds, in excess of £1400, being donated to FOSH. We are hugely grateful for their continued support, and would like to thank Melanie Hateley, Pauline Newbury, Clair Tribe, Roz Wyles and Beccy Farthing, whose work in relation to the event is to be praised. Thanks also to those of you who showed your support by attending the event!

Autumn is usually a time to reap what has been sown; and it is certainly set to be a very busy time for FoSH. Our next event is a concert in St. Helen's, by The Ballard Singers, on Saturday September 29th at 7.30pm. The evening promises to be a varied musical programme by this well-established village choir who are based in Inkberrow, and Betty Reynolds' daughter, Denise, is part of the ensemble. We look forward to welcoming you, and the Ballard Singers, and hope that hosting the event in St. Helen's will remind us all of the objective of FOSH; to raise money for the fabric of this beautiful building. Tickets are priced at £8 for Adults, £4 for Children and are available from Angela Wylam 01789 268156 or from Holy Trinity Book Shop.

WAC (Wild about Clifford) a fellow Clifford Charity are holding an Owl evening in the Village Hall on the 28th September. There will be a chance to handle the owls, which have been reared in captivity, on gloved hands, and to learn a little about these fascinating creatures. A short break will follow, with Chamford providing nibbles to go with your tippie of choice. At 7.30pm a lecture and slide show will commence about the owl rescue centre. We do hope you will be able to attend this informative event.

FoSH will also be holding a stall at Apple Day in October where we will be selling our next set of Christmas Cards, amongst other things. This year we have decided to focus purely on Cards but do hope to produce another calendar for 2020 so please keep any photos you think might be suitable or start snapping!

FoSH are also in a period of transition; the FoSH committee would like to express gratitude to Pauline Newbury, who understandably has left us for personal reasons. Pauline has been a huge force and we wish her well in her future ventures. We warmly welcome two new Trustees, who bring with them a wealth of skills; Winston North and Lisa Collins, and look forward to working with them immensely.

The coffers currently correspond to circa £30,000; we are extremely grateful to you for the support you have shown us as a community so far. This is a promising amount, but it is sure to be depleted in the not so distant future; we are awaiting building work requests from The St. Helen's Team.

We have also started to contact those of you on our Supporters Register to ask if you would be kind enough to consider renewing your membership for the coming year. Those of you who have signed up will know we really appreciate the commitment you have shown by becoming a Supporter, we do hope many more of you will consider signing up.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Supporter, or how you can help or join FOSH, our AGM is scheduled for Sunday 16th September 2018, and we look forward to welcoming you then. The AGM will take place in St. Helen's after the morning service, so we estimate a start time of approximately 10.30 am. **THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT!**

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- The enclosed gift of £ _____ OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations OR
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